

# **CRATER LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

***20 W. Bank St.***

***Petersburg, VA 23803***

**I.** The Crater Local Human Rights Committee (Crater LHRC) held their regular meeting Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at 20 W. Bank Street, Suite 6, Petersburg, VA 23803. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

**II. Public Comments.** There were no public comments.

## **III. Roll Call**

### **Members Present:**

Carol Gittman  
Joseph P. Dickens  
Rosa Parham

### **Members Absent:**

Ralph Anderton

### **Regional Advocate:**

James O Bowser

### **Affiliates' Attendance:**

A - Adult Activity Services, **Did not attend**

A - Agapé Unlimited, Inc., Marilyn C. Newby

A - Agapé Unlimited II, Beatrice Johnson

A - ARC-Petersburg, Felicia Daniels

T – Associates in Counseling & Therapeutic Services, Rick Lupachino

T - Benchmark Residential, Clarence Dilworth

T - Blue Ridge Residential Services, LLC, Kelly Murphy

A - Dan-Poe-Dil, Inc., Clarence Dilworth

A - District 19 CSB, Ginny Travis

T - Divine Intervention Residential Services, Guirlande Dorsainville

T -Family & Community Support Systems, Kathy DeShazo

T - Greater Unity – Brean Epps

A - John Randolph Medical Center, Seressa Burgess

A - Low Ground Visions, Inc., Cynthia Batts & Chanda Batts

T - Miracles Behavioral Health Center – Monique Jackson-Woodson & Daral Wright

A - New Beginnings, Inc. – Marilyn C. Newby

T - O.L.A. Home for Boys, LLC, Valerie C. Minor

A - Phoenix-n-Peace, Inc. – Marilyn C. Newby

A - Pryor House, Joyce Brown, Jeronica Page

T - Southern Virginia Regional Medical Center, Bob Marcello

A - Southside Regional Medical Center – Inpatient & Outpatient Services, Vicki Durnford

A - T'LAB, Inc., Janine Johnson

T - Tri-City Solutions – Will Anderson

A - Visions Family Services, Dr. Denise Malone, LaShanda Powell

**IV. Approval of Minutes:** (November 9, 2006): Mr. Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Parham. Motion approved.

**V. Regional Advocate's Comments:**

The State Human Rights Committee will continue to gather comments and consider what changes should be made. This process should be completed by late spring/early summer before the Statewide Human Rights Conference.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Report on action to form LHRC for temporary affiliates.** Kathy DeShazo reported that Temporary Affiliates met on December 4, 2006. Six affiliates were present. A meeting was held with Mr. Bowser, Regional Advocate, to discuss bylaws with only two affiliates being present. The meeting will be rescheduled to discuss bylaws and to select officers. Letters of appointment for new members of Temporary Affiliates have been received.

**B. Affiliation Agreement Update – ongoing.** The wording in the agreement does not fully address actions taken as a result of late payments or missed committee meetings. This should be included in the agreement to avoid any problems and will be addressed at a later date.

**C. Results of search for new LHRC members.** A visitor from the last meeting (11/9/06) is interested and appears to be a good prospect for membership. Mr. Dickens reported he received an application from one possible candidate. Mr. Bowser informed the affiliates they are responsible for recruiting new members.

**VII. New Business** – There was no new business.

**VIII. Affiliates' Reports:** Affiliates reported complaints and allegations to the Committee. Mrs. Gittman reminded the affiliates to add the address line on the Human Rights activities reports.

**IX. Other Actions:**

**A.** Mr. Dilworth reported the Dinwiddie Sheriff's Department stated they will no longer handle TDO's (Temporary Detention Orders) because of time needed to process and because of the number of group homes in the Dinwiddie area. The Committee suggested they call D19 CSB's Crisis Staff and to check with the Sheriff's Department for clarification.

**B.** Visions Family Services introduced their new Executive Director, Dr. Denise Malone.

- X. Adjournment:** Mr. Dickens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Parham seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Carol Gittman, Chair

(Date)